## GOSSIP ABOUT BASEBALL PLAYERS AND REVOLVER PRACTICE.

# MANAGER HANLON MAY QUIT BROOKLYN CLUB; JOE KELLEY AND WILLIE KEELER UNDECIDED.









EDWARD HANLON,

er of the Brooklyn club, who was be badly wanted by Freedman for York club. In view of the muddled National League affairs, it is prob-t all negotiations have ceased for our

"WILLIE" KEELER.

Diminutive but hard-hitting fielder of the Brooklyn club. Keeler is much sought

JOB KELLEY.
Former captain of the Brooklyn Baseball Club. Kelley is said to be wanted by Andrew Freedman to captain the New York club. Another rumor has it that he will go to the Baitimore American League club. He says that he does not yet know where he will play next season.

#### NEW YORK SQUABBLE AFFECTS LOCAL BASEBALL SITUATION.

Some Doubt Expressed as to Whether St. Louis Will Be Represented in Two Leagues Next Year-Outfielder Courtney of San Francisco Said to Have Been Offered a Place on the St. Louis National League Team - Baseball News and Gossip.

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC. rest in the baseball war being waged in New York has not abated in the least ing the past week. Baseball forecasters other wise ones have quit telling what oing to happen, since some of their prens have so sadly failed of fulfillment. isans are naturally wondering

dict, then the American League would be supreme here. But neither contingency is likely to occur, so it is probable that Bt. Louis will see two varieties of ball next

States a San Francisco paper: "Courtney, whose heavy sticking was one

of the surprises of the season, has been of-fered a position on the St. Louis National League team, at a salary of \$1,900. The big leider has not accepted the offer, but it will be stated that there is great danger of Manager Beebe losing one of his best my Whalen of the San Francisco team

is also slated for a berth in fast company ment year. Whalen's services are said to be tht by every team in the National gue. Colonel Rogers of Philadelphia has ady signed "Ham" Iberg, the Pacific nder, and the other day wrote "see" Whalen and invite him to Iberg to "see" Whalen and invite him to send his terms. Jimmy was not long writ-ing Rogers that he would pitch for his club it the same salary that was offered Iberg-22,200. An answer is anxiously awaited by

Perry Werden, the old Louisville favorite, is said to be willing to accept an offer to play first base with the Brewers next year, but President Quin is of the opinion that Perry is about "all in."

For the first time in twenty-six years good old Nick Young is not officially connected with the National League. He was elected secretary in 1876 at the organization of the league, and held the office until last faturday morning, when Spalding was elected. In 1885 he was elected president, to succeed A. G. Milla and also treasurer. He has grown up with the league and attended cach meeting for twenty-six years. It is not likely that he will be altogether divorced from the National League. It is good guessing that he will compile the efficial batting and fielding averages of the league and act as secretary, which is about all that Freedman allowed him to do last season.

From 1832, New York's first year in the National League, to 1886, a period of tweive years, the club had but three managers—Mutrie nine years, Pat Powers one year and Johnny Ward two years. In the seven years that Freedman was at the head of the club a dozen managers were engaged, including some of the best material in the country. George Davis was Freedman's first manager in 1895. He lasted until June, when Jack Doyle took charge. Doyle threw up the Job in August, and H. L. Watkins (not W. H.) finished the season. In 1896 Arthur Irwin was at the head of the team. He resigned in August and the team was allowed to steer itself for the balance of the season as best it could. In 1897 Scrappy Sill Joyce was in command. For a wonder he lasted the entire season, landing the team in third place. He began the season of 1896 as manager, but lasted only to July, when A. C. Anson of Chicago fame undertook the job. Three weeks was enough for the old man, and he quit, Joyce again being installed. In 1899 John B. Day tried his hand at managing the New York team. He had enough by July, and was succeeded by Fred Hoey, who had made his mark as a transhooter. In 1896 and 1891 George Davis led the New York forces. He retained the position so long simply because nobody could be found willing to take the job off his hands.

im, the Pittsburg secretary.

Toyless some of those fellows who didn't to my vote wanted to get rid of me, and it hadn't been for Pulliam I would have sen a deed rabbit, for I never would have fit that room alive unless some good fellow was there to protect the interests of ittisburg. I can't stand tobacco smoke ad they got a close room for the meeting. I can't stand tobacco smoke ad they got a close room for the meeting. I to of them leaded up with the most villations tobacco and came after me. They are to protect the meeting of the pulliam. I told him they were gring to smoke me out and I wanted him

something about having been raised in Kentucky. I don't know what he meant, but he went out and got some of the most frightful cigars I ever smelt and came in. He fired his furnace and I went downstairs to laugh. In about seven minutes that meeting took a recess. They couldn't stand Pulliam's smoke. I think it was his cigars which put Mir. Young to bed. There is no doubt that they wanted to smoke me out several times, but when I called for Pulliam they became good."

court-martialed. The others must follow."

"In extending the American League circuit in the East, the property interests of the National League were not ignored. Overtures made by us for a sensible and businessilke adjustment were blindly repudiated. The gauntiet was thrown down to the American League. The leaders in the National declared it would be a war of extermination. We accepted the issue courageously and have nothing to be ashamed of in the record of the last twelve months."

"Through all that trying period the organization made an honest effort to fulfill its every pledge to the public and player; contracts were respected, and while the opportunity was at hand to take unfair advantage of the opposition, it was not accepted. The conduct of our affairs during the season merited the confidence and support of our friends. Frank Hough, the writer and advocate of clean sport, remarked recently: There has never been an occasion when apologies were in order for the American League.

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the American League."
There were a few mortifying occurrences during the season on the ball field. A dirty garment cannot always be cleaned in the first wash. The League was flooded with ball players who knew nothing of our methods of discipline. Time is required to bring them up to the American League's standard. Thorough discipline in the trying months of last season's campaign was difficult to secure.

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"The organization to-day is solidified, and it has among its members men who have greater interest in the sport than the mere grinding out of dollars. Well equipped to handle its own affairs and stronger financially than probably any other baseball organization that ever flourished, the American League has nothing to fear from the embarrassed and thoroughly disrupted National League. handle its own affairs and stronger finan-cially than probably any other baseball organization that ever flourished, the Amer-tean League has nothing to fear from the embarrassed and thoroughly disrupted Na-tional League.

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"Kid" Nichols has secured his release from Boston, but as yet has not announced the signing of any players for his Kansus City team. In the association, Hickey, Tebeau, Watkins, Quinn and the other magnates have been on the jump, signed numerous players, and gave the general impression that their organization was a strong one.

Doc Amole and Kid Speer have been requested by Messrs. Quin and Havenor of Milwaukee to forward their lowest terms for next season. Speer denies the report that he has signed with Omaha.

Louisville fans want to see a team in their city next year. Last year they falled to support Walter Wilmot's championship aggregation, it being necessary to move the team to Grand Rapids, owing to lack of support. The venturesome magnate who will try to tempt fate by placing a club in Louisville, will no doubt want to "be shown" before he makes his entry.

Toronto's outfield is now complete, with Jimmy Bannon, "Bill" Hargrove and John-nie White, a former Clevelander.

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St. Louisans are naturally wondering where this clit will be located on the base-ball map next year. Many are of the ogither assertions. Naturally, much hinges upon the outcome of the New York controversy. The National League is a house divided against itself, If A. G. Spalding is ultimately defeated in this projects, which does not seem probable at this time, who will take the helm of the located in the first place if he had not been so outspoken on the Freedman question. Another rikly move he made was in practically darting the Boston club to vote against him.

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the one man capable of cleaning up the wreckage. We congratulate him on his election and wish him success in the restablishment of the moral and financial standing of the National League. When Mr. Spalding has completed the task of reorganization, if it can be done, the American League will cheerfully join hands with him in furthering any plans for the advancement and betterment of professional baseball. Our motto is 'live and let live, with charity for all and malice for none.'

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o'Hagan, the first baseman signed by the Chicago National League Club, wears a heavy mustache that would put that lip coverer of Arile Latham in his palmy days to shame. He is six feet tall and weighs 173 in playing condition, thin-faced, hollow-cheeked, with an aggressive faw, a neat dresser, and a habit of playing with winning ball clubs. It will be remembered that Pittsburg farmed him to Kansas City's championship team in 1898. He is said to more nearly resemble the Tenney type of first basemen than any of the youngsters that have recently broken into the business. "I guess if his spikes get to scraping the garden round first base too lively Jack Doyle's likely to take the worms and go fishing to while away the time," said a critic.

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION SEEMS TO HAVE THE CALL.

No Progress Has Been Made in Kansas City Toward Securing a Park or Club, While George Tebeau of Western League Has Both-Hickey's Organization, However, Has Done Nothing in Omaha-The American Association's Headquarters May Be Moved to Kansas City.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL baseball news of the past week has been the election of A. G. Spaiding to the presidency of the National League, the fight between the Western League and the American Association has gone merrily on in the West, and both sides appear to have made some progress. President Whitfield has been in the East in consultation with the heads of the two majo leagues, and on his return closed up a deal for the lease of the ball park in Milwaukee. "Kid" Nichols has secured his release from

As a result of his raid on the California Kansas City, Mo. Dec. 21.—While the Kansas City, Mo. Dec. 21.—While the baseball news of the past week has been of the local team, announced the signing of Oscar Jones of the San Francisco Club and E. Nordyke of the Los Angeles team. With these men he already has enough to make up a fast team, but says he will not be content and will continue to improve the local club. In Kansas City the American Association certainly has the hunch on Manning, as the former American League magnate has neither players nor a park, while Tebeau and Gear have both. The signing of Billy Clingman, the American League's leading shortstop of last year, was another ten strike, not only for Milwaukee, but also for Kansas City, as "Billy" had won many friends while playing here with the Blues in 1900. He is well liked, a good player, and one whom the fans will be anxious to see again. It was certainly a wise selection, and with such an advantage the association people in Milwaukee should not let the grass grow under their feet, but magnate has neither players nor a park,

keep the advantage they have and show that they mean business.

The promoters of the new league use the argument that after having had American League ball it is not likely that the Brewery City fans are going to stand for such towns as Colorado Springs, St. Joseph and Des Moines, and such decided minor league ball, and this will undoubtedly be the situation. The Western League will hardly figure on a team in St. Paul and cannot expect to make good in Minneapolis after the fallure of the team there last year. This will leave the battle to be fought out in Kansas City, but as yet has done pructically nothing in Omaha.

It is understood that a fund has been raised for the purpose of carrying on a fight, if one is necessary. The next meeting of the association will most likely be held in Kansas City, and George Tebeau is responsible for the statement that the headquarters may be moved to this city.

The Western League averages of last

The Western League averages of last year have not yet been issued, and they are not likely to be for a number of weeks. It was given out some time ago that they were being held back to protect the magnates of the league against raids, but the real reason is that a number of the official scorers have not yet sent in all the scores and the work on the figures is at a standstill. Some of the scores were not sent in until two months after the close of the season, and those from Minneapolis and St. Paul are still missing. The Western League averages were very unreliable last year, but, considering that like conditions also existed, then the party at Rockford, Ill., who is compiling the figures cannot be blamed for the results.

LAFAYETTE S. WINHAM,

Young pitcher recently signed by the Brooklyn club. Winham is a Brooklyn youth, and though very young for a big league position, is said to be fast enough to hold his own.

To the initial sack for Chicago.

Catcher Kleinow, the Milwaukee boy, who last year performed with the Des Moines team, is also said to be a possibility for the Milwaukee team. He began his career on the diamond as a member of the Old White Diamonds, several years ago, and last season played behind the bat for Des Moines. A few years ago he was a member of the Initialed Beaumont of the Pittsburgs and Adkins of the Beloit College team, and his rise in the baseball world has been steady and substantial.

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Blues last season, and was one of the stars of the league.

Charles ("Kid") Nichols and Dale D. Gear, while part owners in the rival Kansas City teams, still remain the best of friends, and upon his return from the East Gear was one of the first men Nichols went to see. They held a long conference in Gear's office, but not once was the local situation referred to. What the baseball developments meant to the players was the gist of their talk, and, while it is generally thought that becoming a magnate makes the troubles of the players appear in a different light, it has not been the case with these two model players, and they are just as zealous as ever in the interest of the Players' Protective Association, of which Gear is secretary. They discussed Brush's trust scheme and the prospect of a compromise between the two big leagues. They both agreed that the association must do something immediately and be prepared to show its strength. Not only for the benefit of the present league players, but for the protection of the younger generation in baseball.

The players' union had practically been asleep for several months. Many of the members had refused to pay their dues, and in this way had done what would in time tend to disrupt the association. And it appears that the men who have lumped over the traces have been the older players. Hamilton and Lowe of Boston being among them. In St. Louis there appears to have been a blunder somewhere. Several of the players paid their dues to another member of the team with the understanding that he was to forward the same to the secretary. He has not done so, and has refused to answer letters in regard to it. Under such conditions the players' organization cannot expect to make much of a stand, and Secretary Gear has set about to remedy these defects.

W. K. VANDERBILT BACK AGAIN.

Will Bring the Turfman Home

It Is said That Mr. Whitney's Example Will Bring the Turfman Home.

Mr. William K. Vanderbilt was evidently touched by the sentiment expressed in the letter Mr. William C. Whitney gave out for publication last month, and although he has not declared that he will forswear retiemen who work of roting the standard of the continuence who work of raising the standard of the thing here. He will co-operate with Mr. Whitney when that gentleman "co-operates with them to revive the Saratoga Association." With this in view he has entered in the stakes to be run at Saratoga next season the five Ornament and Halma fillies, purchased last summer, and which it was thought were to be sent to his breeding establishment in France.

Many years ago Mr. Vanderbilt was supposed to be interested in several horses which raced in this country in the names of professional racing men, but he never raced here in his own name, and nothwithstandia the fact that he is the largest stockholded in the Coney Island Jockey Club, whith has paid him handsome dividends, at he fact that he is the largest stockholded in the Coney Island Jockey Club, whith has paid him handsome dividends, the his native country, bus maintained a cattly, unsuccessful raceing and breeding establishment in France. Ho has been decentrally unsuccessful raceing and breeding establishment in France in the contrabuted to enrich out own stain and the contrabuted to enrich out own stain and the contrabuted to enrich out own staining and breeding establishment in France in the force of example-which made itself apparent when Mr. Whitney, and the states of Attention of the Spice which has been decreased by the fact of the same and the contrabuted to enrich out own staining and breeding establishment in France.

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### **OUTFIELDER JONES MAY** NOT PLAY WITH ST. LOUIS.



"DAVY" JONES,

League from Dixon Cellege last year. At the finish of the minor league season he was picked up by the Milwaukee club, and made a fine impression by his fast fielding. Jones was originally a member of the Rockford Club of the "Three Eye" League, his fast work with the Dixon team securing him the place. Pitcher Eiliot went with Jones to Milwaukee when the Rockford team finished the season. McAleer claims Elliot, who was the star twirler of the "Three Eye" League, but Frank Sales induced Jones to join the Chicago National League Club. By the transfer of the Breweers to St. Louis Jones claimed to be free from his American League contract and signed with Hart's club instead.

many years, and a disposition to make amends by spending a part of the revenue he has been deriving from the racing public in doing what Mr. Whitney defines in his letter as his "duty," he will be treated, metaphorically, as was the prodigal son on his return to the home he had neglected for a period of irresponsibility in the gayest centers of the world.



license. When they returned they rode home as man and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Walthour live at 65 Woodward avenue, Atlanta, where they own a snug little house which Bobby bought out of his winnings. He recently went into the chicken business and has a full layout of incubators, etc. He hopes to make money at the business and takes a great interest in it.

JUDGING SADDLE HORSES.

Now that the agony is over, we are left to reflect upon what has resulted from the im-portation of Mr. Vivian Gooch from England by the National Horse Show Associa-tion to "straighten us out on saddle-horse land by the National Horse Show Association to "straighten us out on as addishorse type." The first thought coming to mmd. naturally, is what type did he establish for us by his decisions. He declared himself opposed to what we had been gradually crystallizing into an accepted standard, vis. the up-headed, sloping-shouldered, thin-withered, straight-backed, strongly coupled, high-docked, deep-ribbed, clean-limbed, dainty-stepping, breedy-looking, gay and spirited animal, such as we may obtain is Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee and Virginia. In place of this he said he wanted the thoroughbred of tractable disposition. The kind we have gradually been assimilating into the highest style our eye could admire is based on thoroughbred lines and through the efforts of the American Saddle Horse Breeders' Association has come to be recognized not only as a type but as a breed egnized not only as a type but as a b pleasure riding horse. There is now in the world a similar organization there else has the attainment of a ent of a puroccasion to comment at this time. Now, judging as well as we may by the mind types on which he placed the ribbons we have reached the conclusion that Mr. Gooch was really looking for what in England is classified as a covert hack.

This is, of course, not borne out by his championship winners More Than Gueen and Flashlight. But we will make the feducation from what he said and from what he seemed to be looking for in the horses he sent through the gave that came before him, especially on account of the fine horses he sent through the gave which he gave minor ribbons. This leads us to inquire whether it would not be wise for us to divide our saddle horses into classes to be known as park hacks and read hacks. As at present arranged there is as such distinction, the only divisions being between light, middle and heavy weight carriers and "lady's saddle horse." By such a rearrangement as we suggest the high-mettled, stylishly acting, hreedy type could be put down for park use, while the more substantial animal with less style and action could be set up as the right sort for a jaunt to Travers Island, or some other distant point over the hard roads, fifteen or twenty miles away. Such a reclassification would, we think, make matters easier for the judge and serve to bring order out of the chaos which has recently been created. If horse show managers would do a little thinking once in a while, instead of taking up an old prize list, and after changing its date and "looking wise" over the job, sending it out as a product of experience and "deep thought," we would make progress instead of retrograding.—The Rider and Driver.

Longevity of Horses Horses occasionally reach a great age, On October 9, 1872, a horse belonging to Mr. Auldjo of Cowes, Isle of Wight, died at the

olver shooting this year than has been the case for a decade past, the police practice at the Armory having stirred up not only the officers themselves, but also mem throughout the city. As a result of the shot, has challenged any man in the city to interest taken in the sport, several matches

and Alfred Stevens, both of the Excelsion Club. The match will be shot at Schaaf's will a special team match between members of local clubs. Fromm, a well-known local shoot with open sights at the thirty-fourfoot range, and there are prospects of an-



senting the Excelsior and Riverside clubs and as this score was made out of a possible gallery, some time in the next week, as | 125 it was considered excellent. It was the ured, and allowing for improvement as he gets used to shooting in matches he should make some good scores before the season

Alfred Stevens was expected to do better than he did in the match, but he was quite ill that evening, and had asked Captain Schaaf to substitute another man for himself on the team. At that, Stevens made 116 out of a possible 125, the second highest

self on the team. At this, Second highest score of the evening, and his work was extremely creditable. When in form, however, he was expected to make a perfect score at the range.

Officer Longworth also shot for the first time in a match on that occasion, and his work was steady throughout. He made a total of lit, and would probably have done better had it not been for the noise in the gallery on two instances when he was shooting. Once after sending four shots into the bull's-eye, he missed out completely with his fifth shot, scoring but three with the bullet, being evidently disconcerted by the entrance of some visitors into the gallery an instant before he pulled the trigger. Captain McNamee's perfect score of a possible 135 was made on a different target to that which was used in the match of last week and required five shots. The Captain shot on the police target adopted by Captain Somet, in which a bull's-eye counts 5 for the innermost ring and 21 ter the outer ring. As the inner ring is less than one inch in diameter, the steadiness of counts 35 for the innermost ring and 21 tor
the outer ring. As the inner ring is less
than one inch in diameter, the steadiness of
the work can be seen.

Last week's revolver match was shot on
the Expert target, in which the central ring
of the bull's eye counts 4, the outermost
ring counting 4. Five shots were fired by
each contestant alternately.

rhom are now students at Washington Uni-

days in what is considered one of the best deer and turkey regions of that State.

Newman Samuel, manager of the Washington University team last season, will be before Christmas, passing that cay in the cabin in Arkansas. They interest two days before Christmas, passing that cay in the cabin in Arkansas. They interest to take four or five bird dogs with them and will remain until after New Year's.

In order to keep the place in perfect order, they will take a negro servant with them who has considerable ability as a cook. Considering the report of game in the neighborhood, prospects of the trip are bright.



EXCELSIOR REVOLVER TEAM,

On October 9, 1872, a horse belonging to Mr. Auidjo of Cowes, Isle of Wight, died at the age of thirty-five years. He had been a pensiener for some time before his death, not from infirmity, but because he had earned rest after a long life of work. Mr. Tay, a livery stable keeper in Birminghem, lost a mare thirty-eight years old on January 9, 1861; she worked constantly, and often hard, to the last. In November, 1861, the Inverness Courier mentioned that a 34-year-old horse, belonging to a Mr. Cummings, was still in work. The veteran had done twenty-six years' work in a coach team between Perth and Auchterarder. M. Colies-Gattelet of the Consiel General of the Meuse Department, in 1862, lost an old favorite at the age of 45 years. The record among horses, however, is held by old Paramatta, the property of Mr. Joseph Kaye of New South Wales. Old Paramatta died on August 3, 1874, aged 53, a victim to the severe winter. He did an eccasional day's work to within a few weeks of his death. It may be added that the age of this horse was well authenticated, as when he arrived at his fifty-first year pains were taken to ascertain when he was fooled, acre cases of ponies than of horses reaching great length of years are recorded, and greater ages seem to be attained by ponies. Mr. Edmund F. Deanse of Gainstown, County Weehmeath, in December, 1884, lost a pony mearly 39 years old; he had been ridden by four generations of his owner's family. In 1885 a pony mare belonging to Mrs. Pratt. Low Pond House, Bedale, Yorks, died, aged 5 years. The pony record in age, however, comes from Devoushire. On Christmas I ay, 1835, Mr. Dampler of Silvarthy, near Clovelly, lost a pony who was within a few weeks of his sixteeth year. He was touched in the wind, but was otherwise sound—London Live Stock Journal. A Snake Story.

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Rattlesnakes are grateful it you gain their affection, says a correspondent of the Cordena, Tex. News. "My brother Jim tound a six-foot rattler near town caught under a bowlder, and instead of using his devantage he released the snake, which thereupon became a pet and followed Jim about and guarded him as watchfully as a log. One night he was a wakened by a losse, and, missing the snake in its usual place at the foot of the bed. he masses